Rationalising Rent Control Acts

625. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what is the stage at which the proposed legislation aimed at rationalising the Delhi Rent Control Act stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The proposals for amendment of Delhi Rent Control Act are under active consideration of the Government.

Gold reserves found in Kappatu Gubba, Hubli

626. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rich reserves of gold have been established as a result of the latest surveys made by the Geological Survey of India in Kappatu Gubba area near Gadag (Hubli);

(b) whether a decision for commercial exploration of gold has been taken; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken by Government in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) While carrying out investigations in Hosur Champion Block of Kappatu Gubba area near Gadag (Hubli), Karnataka; Geological Survey of India has estimated a reserve of about 60.9 lakh tonnes of gold ore having 3 to 4 gms./tonne.

(b) and (c) A decision for commercial exploration/exploitation is yet to be taken. This will depend on the results of the detailed exploration being carried out by Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) to study its commercial viability.

Modernisation of Sone Canal

627. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar has failed to make any contribution for the Sone Canal modernisation scheme; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of World Bank to this in action of Bihar Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The first phase of the Sone Canal Modernisation is estimated to cost Rs. 247 crores. The Seventh Plan outlay of Government of Bihar for this Project is Rs. 2 crores. The project has not yet been posed to the World Bank.

Price of Diammonium Phosphate

628. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of Diammonium Phosphate is falling in the world market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are importing large quantities of Diammonium Phosphate from the U.S.A. and other countries; and

(c) if so, whether this has badly affected indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The quantity of diammonium phosphate to be imported from the U.S.A. and other countries